

Please delete the paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8 and replace it as follows:

A2 The first cutting unit 16 has a pair of support bases 52a, 52b having flat surfaces for holding a stack of films F thereon. The first cutting unit 16 also has a pair of cutters 54a, 54b disposed on a side of the support base 52b for cutting off two adjacent corners of the films F into arcuate corners. A notching blade 56 for producing notches in the films F is disposed between the cutters 54a, 54b. The support bases 52a, 52b are laterally spaced from each other by a gap 58 left therebetween, and a bucket 40c is retractably disposed in the gap 58.

Page 8, please delete the first full paragraph and replace it as follows:

A3 The second cutting unit 18 has a pair of support bases 60a, 60b having flat surfaces for holding a stack of films F thereon. The second cutting unit 18 also has a pair of cutters 62a, 62b disposed on a side of the support base 60a for cutting off two adjacent corners of the films F into arcuate corners. The support bases 60a, 60b are laterally spaced from each other by a gap 64 left therebetween, and a bucket 40d is retractably disposed in the gap 64.

Page 13, please delete the first full paragraph and replace it as follows:

A4 As shown in FIG. 6, the inverting unit 22 has a large gear 162 mounted on an upper end of a support column 160 and an inverting motor 166 operatively coupled to the large gear 162 by a small gear 164 meshing with the large gear 162. Opening and closing cylinders 170a, 170b are

Q4 connected to the large gear 162 by respective upper and lower brackets 168a, 168b. The upper and lower sandwiching plates 70a, 70b are coupled respectively to the opening and closing cylinders 170a, 170b. The upper and lower sandwiching plates 70a, 70b have comb-toothed fingers 172a - 172f and 174a - 174f for holding films F, which can pass through grooves between the comb-toothed fingers 143a - 143h of the transfer tables 66a, 66b of the first transfer unit 20.

Please delete the paragraph bridging pages 13 and 14 and replace it as follows:

Q5 As shown in FIG. 7, the turning unit 24 basically comprises an upper turning mechanism 176 and a lower turning mechanism 178. The upper turning mechanism 176 comprises a bearing 180 (see FIG. 4) mounted downwardly on a central portion of the beam 122, a turning motor 182a fixedly mounted on the bearing 180, a gear 186a supported by the bearing 180 and held in mesh with a gear 184a of the turning motor 182a, a turntable 188 coupled to a shaft of the gear 186a, an opening and closing cylinder 190 fixed to a lower surface of the turntable 188, and the sandwiching plate 72a that is secured to piston rods 192 of the opening and closing cylinder 190. Guide bars 194a, 194b are vertically disposed between the turntable 188 and the sandwiching plate 72a.

Q6 Page 16, please delete the second full paragraph and replace it as follows:

When the bucket 40a with the films F placed thereon is moved to a position above the aligning unit 14, the lifting and lowering cylinder 88 of the film transfer mechanism 38 is